Statement-II

Stock of Wheat during the past five years

(In Million Tonnes)

As on	Buffer Normes	Stock of Wheat				
		1997(P)	1996(P)	1995(P)	1994(P)	1993(P)
1st Jan.	7.7	7.08	13.15	12.88	10.82	3.28
1st April	3.7	3.24(£)	7.76	8.72	6.99	2.74
1st July	13.1		14.13	19.22	17.49	14.89
1st Oct.	10.6		10.54	16.94	15.58	13.66

(P) = Provisional

(£) = Actual Stock reported less hich is under reconciliation

Fair Price Shops indulged in Unfair Means in Delhi

1279. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of FPS owners in Delhi/New Delhi are indulging in unfair means particularly FPS No. 5479;

(b) if so, whether the FPS owners of shop No. 5479 has been diverting food items such as sugar and wheat in the open market and depriving the card holders to take their articles;

(c) whether Government propose to investigate the illegal acts of the said FPS owners;

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) further action Government propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that fiar price shops (FPSs) are regularly and periodically checked by the Inspector of the circle and Enforcement staff of the Department. Whenever complaints of malpractices against the FPS owners are received these are also examined and checking is conducted against them and action is taken as per law.

(b) to (e) Government of NCT of Delhi have also reported that no such complaint against the FPS No. 5479 has been received. An inspection of FPS No. 5479 was conducted by Enforcement staff on 29.7.1997. Some cash memos were also verified by door-to-door survey. The card holders have accepted that they had received the commodities against cash memos.

Allocation of Foodgrains under PDS slashed down in Karnataka

1280. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of foodgrains under PDS in the State of Karnataka, has been slashed from 120,000 to 75,000 tonnes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received any communication from Karnataka Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?